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TAGS: CSCE, SHUM, PINT, RO

SUBJ: DISSIDENTS: HUNGER STRIKE UP-DATE

REF: A. BUCHAREST 6481 (NOTAL), B. MUNICH 2574 (NOTAL)

C. BUCHAREST 5960

1. SUMMARY. ONE HUNGER STRIKE WAS BEGUN ON SEPTEMBER 1 BUT  
WAS LATER ENDED BY AUTHORITIES. OTHERS MAY ALSO HAVE TAKEN  
PLACE, WHILE AT LEAST ONE MORE IS STILL PLANNED. ONE MORE  
GOMA SIGNER REPORTED ABOUT TO RECEIVE HIS PASSPORT. END  
SUMMARY.

2. ADRIANE SCHMIEDIGEN GAVE EMBOFF A RUN-DOWN ON DEVELOPMENTS  
SINCE HER VISIT WITH MUTICA ON AUGUST 30 (REF C). SHE STATES  
THAT ALL SEVEN OF MEDGIDEA GROJP (REF C) BEGAN THEIR HUNGER  
STRIKE SEPTEMBER 1 AT THE BUCHAREST APARTMENT OF RADU NEGRESCU.  
THE EVENT WAS ENDED ON THE SECOND OR THIRD DAY WHEN THE MILITIA  
(POLICE) FORCED THEIR WAY INTO THE APARTMENT AND REMOVED THE  
STRIKERS. MISS SCHMIEDIGEN HAS HAD NO WORD FROM THEM  
SINCE, BUT CLAIMS THAT A NEIGHBOR HAS INFORMED NITA'S  
WIFE IN THE U.S. VIA TELEPHONE.

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3. MISS SCHMIEDIGEN HAS NOT HEARD FROM BRAILA GROUP  
OR THEIR BUCHAREST ASSOCIATES (REF C) EXCEPT FOR A CALL  
ON SEPTEMBER 2 FROM MUTICA AFTER HE WAS PICKED UP BY  
MILITIA AND RETURNED TO HIS WORKSITE. SHE SAID THAT  
HER MOTHER HAD HEARD RFE BROADCAST OF THIS GROUP'S  
LETTER (REF C) ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND "ASSUMES" THEY CARRIED  
THROUGH WITH THEIR HUNGER STRIKE.

4. SCHMIEDIGENS AND MARIUS GROSU ON AUGUST 30 SENT SEPARATE LETTERS FOR RFE BROADCAST VIA A FRIEND OF GROSU IN ITALY. ADRIANE IS COUNTING ON THIS LETTER BEING READ THIS COMING WEEKEND, AFTER WHICH SHE AND HER MOTHER WOULD COMMENCE THEIR OWN HUNGER STRIKE. SHE CLAIMS GROSU IS NOW TRYING TO PREVENT FORWARDING OF HIS LETTER FROM ITALY AS HE WAS TOLD BY THE AUTHORITIES AT THE END OF LAST WEEK THAT HE SHOULD RECEIVE HIS PPT THIS WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY. SHE SAYS THAT GROSU HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD BY SECURITATE COLONEL POPA (KNOWN TO EMBASSY) THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY GET HIS PPT BUT THAT GOR HAD MADE IT "TOO EASY" FOR GOMA SIGNERS WHO HAD RECEIVED PPT'S EARLIER.

5. EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT CESCHANS AND FRIENDS (REFS A AND B), BUT MISS SCHMIEDIGEN HAD NEVER HEARD OF THEM. SHE DID NOT THINK THAT GROSU KNEW OF THEM EITHER. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY WENT THROUGH WITH THEIR HUNGER STRIKE AT BUCHAREST PASSPORT OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 1 (REF A).

6. COMMENT: IF IN FACT GROSU DOES GET HIS PPT, IT CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE THE OTHERS TO PERSIST IN THEIR EFFORTS, IN SPITE OF AUTHORITIES' APPARENTLY CALCULATED DILATORY TACTICS. GOR SEEMS CAUGHT IN A DILEMMA: CHARY OF ENCOURAGING AN EXODUS BY TOO-PROMPT ACQUIESCENCE IN GRANTING PASSPORTS YET WARY SO FAR OF RESORTING TO THE MORE COMPRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HENSIVE AD HARSH MEASURES THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO THWART THE BOLDER SPIRITS AS LONG AS IT REMAINS POSSIBLE TO SEND MESSAGES ABROAD FOR BROADCAST ON RFE WITH THE EXPECTATION OF EVENTUAL GOR ACQUIESCENCE, GROUPS OF DISAFFECTED INDIVIDUALS WILL CONTINUE TO AGITATE. ONE COULD HARDLY CHARACTERIZE THESE PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS OF PERSONAL ALIENATION AND AD HOC GROUP DISSIDENCE AS A MOVEMENT BUT, AS LONG AS THE GOR CONTINUES TO FEEL ITSELF AT LEAST SOMEWHAT INHIBITED BY HELSINKI/BELGRADE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH ACTIVITY APPEARS LIKELY TO PERSIST--FEEDING ON ITSELF.

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